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Rep. Giegler Receives Committee Appointments



State Representative Janice Giegler, R-138th, has been appointed by House Minority Leader Robert M. Ward, R-North Branford, to serve on four Legislative Committees during the 2005 and 2006 General Assembly sessions. She was elected to her second term representing the 138th District, which is comprised of sections of Danbury and New Fairfield, on November 2.

Rep. Giegler will serve as a member of the Judiciary, Commerce and Public Health and Internship Committees.

“I’m pleased to have received these committee assignments,” said Rep. Giegler. “There are a number of high profile issues that will come before each committee and I look forward to the challenges they present. Since this will be my first term serving on the Commerce Committee, I am especially interested in helping pass legislation that will help the state’s small business owners.”

The Commerce Committee has cognizance of all matters relating to the Department of Economic and Community Development, the Connecticut Development Authority and Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated.

The Judiciary Committee has cognizance over many important issues involving the state’s judicial system including, criminal penalties, the appointment of judges, and the Department of Corrections.

The Public Health Committee has cognizance of all matters relating to the Department of Public Health; the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and the Department of Mental Retardation; the Office of Health Care Access; and all other matters relating to health, including emergency medical services, all licensing boards within the Department of Public Health, nursing homes, pure food and drugs, and controlled substances, including the treatment of substance abuse.

The Internship Committee has cognizance over the General Assembly’s Internship Program, which acquaints students with both the formal and informal aspects of the legislative process. The program seeks to encourage a high level of personal interaction between legislators and interns, who serve as aides to their assigned legislators. A major objective of the program is to prepare interns to perform the necessary support services desired by the legislators for whom they are working; i.e. bill analysis and tracking, spot and in-depth research, drafting of news releases and speeches, liaison work, constituent casework, etc.